

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (withdrawn) A cross joint comprising:  
yokes each formed with a bearing hole; and  
a spider shaft rotatably fitted into said bearing hole through a rolling bearing,  
wherein said spider shaft is formed with a contact portion with said rolling bearing, said contact portion having its outside diameter larger than an outside diameter of said spider shaft.
2. (withdrawn) A cross joint according to claim 1, wherein an end central portion of said contact portion is formed with a bottomed hole.
3. (withdrawn) A cross joint according to claim 1, wherein an extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating agent filling an interior of said needle bearing.
4. (canceled)
5. (canceled)
6. (withdrawn) A cross joint according to claim 2, wherein an extreme-pressure additive is added to a lubricating agent filling an interior of said needle bearing.
7. (canceled)

8. (new) A cross joint adapted to be used in a steering apparatus,  
comprising:

a yoke formed with a bearing hole;

a needle bearing positioned in said bearing hole, said needle bearing  
including a bearing cup and rollers provided therein; and

a spider shaft, an end portion of which is fitted in the bearing hole  
through said needle bearing;

wherein said rollers provided in said needle bearing are interference-  
fitted on an end periphery of said end portion of said spider shaft  
extending through said rollers; and

wherein said rollers are so constructed and arranged so as to be  
movable by 0.6 mm or greater in an axial direction.

9. (new) A cross joint according to claim 8, wherein a lubricating agent  
fills said needle bearing, and an extreme-pressure additive is added to  
said lubricating agent.

10. (new) A cross joint according to claim 8, wherein each end portion of  
said spider shaft fitted in said bearing hole is formed with a bottomed  
hole.

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